Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/475,062	VICK ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Courtney D. Fields	2137
The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.		
1. This communication is responsive to <u>03 January 2006</u> .		
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-7,9-22,24-27,29,30 and 32-35</u> .		
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some* c) None of the:		
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.		
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International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).		
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.		
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.		
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached		
1) 🔲 hereto or 2) 🔲 to Paper No./Mail Date		
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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.		
Attachment(s)		
1. ☑ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	5. Notice of Informal I	Patent Application (PTO-152)
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3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/0	Paper No./Mail Da 8), 7. ☐ Examiner's Amend	
Paper No./Mail Date 4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit	8. 🛛 Examiner's Statem	ent of Reasons for Allowance
of Biological Material	9. 🔲 Other	

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 8,23,28 and 31 have been cancelled.

- Claims 33-35 have been added.
- 3. Claims 1,11,13,21,24-25, and 29 have been amended.
- 4. Claims 1-7,9-22,24-27, 29-30 and 32-35 are pending.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 18 January 2005 have been fully considered and they are persuasive.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 6. Claims 1-7, 9-22, 24-27, 29-30 and 32-35 are allowed.
- 7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention is directed towards a method and system for providing distributed web server authentication. Each independent claim identifies the uniquely distinct features "creating a user password cookie using a shared secret key, wherein the web server is part of a common authentication ring having a plurality of web servers, each of the plurality of web servers having the shared secret key". The closest prior art Howard et al. (US Patent No. 6,678,731) discloses an authentication system generating encrypted cookies using a key to a web server, preventing other web servers from protected information stored within the cookies, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.
- 8. Therefore, claims 1,13, and 24-25 and the respective dependent claims 2-7,9-12,14-22,26-27, and 29-30, and 32-35 are in condition for allowance.

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Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Courtney D. Fields whose telephone number is 571-272-3871. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs. 6:00 - 4:00 pm; off every Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on 571-272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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